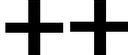
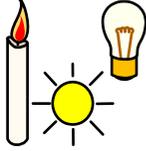


Diwali

     
Diwali festival lasts for 5 days.

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Diwali means "row of lamps".

    
The lamps are called divas.

      
This occasion is also known as the Festival of Lights.



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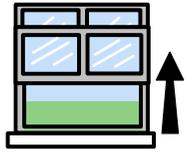
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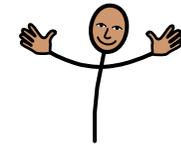


are cleaned.



Windows are opened

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of



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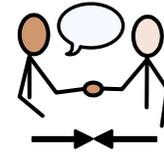
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Gifts

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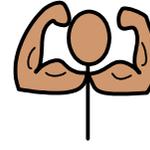
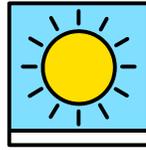
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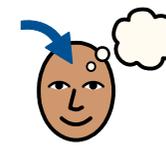
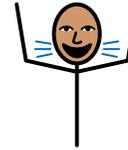
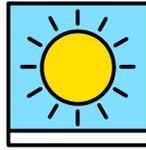
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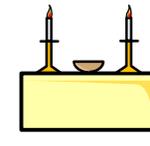
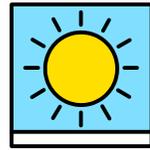
On the second day, the Goddess of strength is worshipped.

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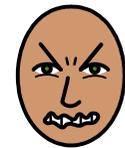
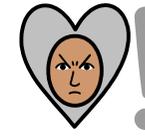
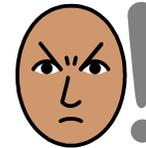


On the third day, lamps are lit to celebrate knowledge.

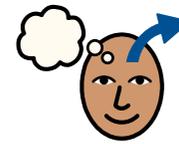
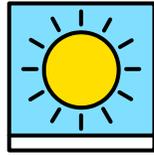
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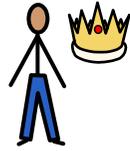
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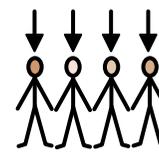
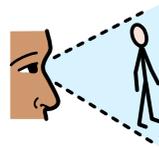
The priests help people not to feel anger, hate and jealousy.



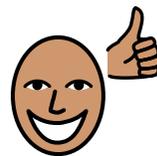
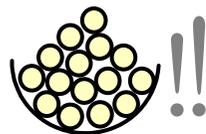
On the last day an ancient Indian King is remembered.



His name was King Bali, a generous and kind person.



He reminds people to see the good in everyone.



Diwali is the most enjoyed festival in India.